

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 3-6 are indicated as allowed. Claims 1 and 2 are canceled.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Hunter (US4,877,429).

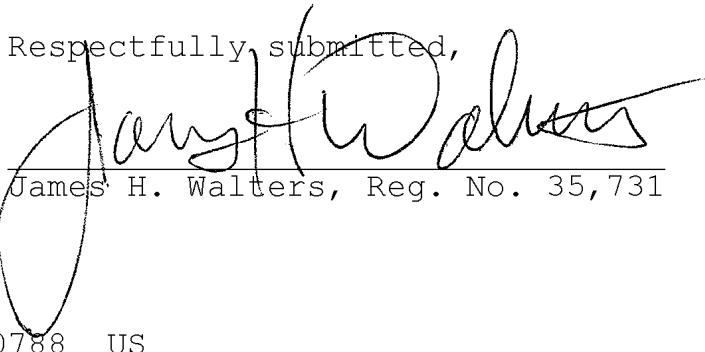
To further prosecution, in view of the allowed claims 3-6, claims 1 and 2 are canceled, with reservation of the right to file continuation applications.

Since claims 3-6 are indicated to be allowed, in view of the above, the application is respectfully submitted to be in form for allowance.

The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

It is believed that no further fees are due with this filing or that the required fees are being submitted herewith. However, if additional fees are required to keep the application pending, please charge deposit account 503036. If fee refund is owed, please refund to deposit account 503036.

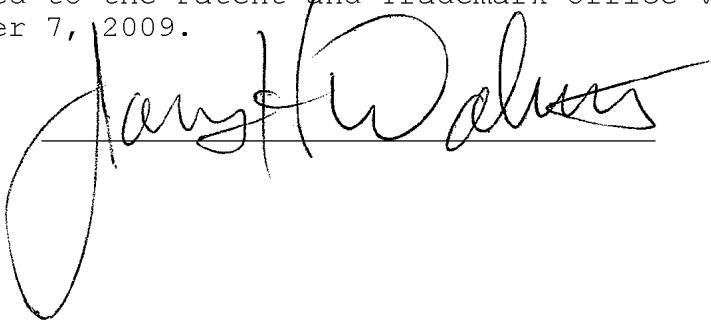
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